

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE J		PAGE OF PAGES 1 9	
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0005		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 30-Jan-2004		4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. CASEDS-3087-N130		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY FORT BRAGG DIRECTORATE OF CONTRACTING ATTN: SFCA-SR-BR BUILDING 1-1333 ARMISTEAD & MACOMB ST FORT BRAGG NC 28310-5000		CODE W91247		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) DEBORAH SMITH SMITHD5@BRAGG.ARMY.MIL PH: 910-396-4362 X253 FAX: 910-396-9438 FORT BRAGG NC 28310-5000		CODE W91247
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. DABK07-03-R-0021		
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 19-Dec-2003		
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.		
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)		
CODE		FACILITY CODE				
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.						
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)						
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.						
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.						
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).						
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:						
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)						
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.						
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) See Page 2 for Continuation						
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.						
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)				16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		
				TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____		
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		15C. DATE SIGNED		16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 30-Jan-2004

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SECTION SF 30 BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following items are applicable to this modification:AMENDMENT TEXT

- a. The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions received from contractors. A separate attachment to the solicitation is provided that contain copies of the Program of Instructions (POI) for courses taught.
- b. All other factors remain the same.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When will POIs be provided by the government in relation to the Start Date of 1 February 2004?

Response: POIs are included as an attachment to this amendment.

2. Will the awarded contractor use the existing class schedules as published on the internet or be required to reschedule all or partial requirements?

Response: The contractor shall use the existing class schedules unless something happens beyond the contractor's control like availability of classrooms, etc.

3. Are there any new instructional requirements in the RFP versus the current contractor's instructional requirements?

Response: No.

4. Item 1.3.4 page 61 or 81 requires the contractor to have two classrooms wired for a computer lab 7 days after the contract start date. During the site visit the ESO and the Contracting Officer mentioned 7 computer labs, one government furnished and six provided by the contractor. The RFP does not mention contractor responsibility to install a T-1 and maintain a T-1 line connection which was also mentioned as a contractor requirement during the site visit by the ESO and Contracting Officer. Which of these are the correct requirements for the contractor to use in computing the costs and scope of work of providing computers, servers, routers, and T-1 Connection?

Response: The scope of work states that the contractor is responsible for the connectivity to include providing computers, servers, routers, etc. The Government provides a T-1 line and maintains the server for the BSEP classroom. The contractor is responsible for the T-1 line and all other servers, hubs, switches, routers, and other connectivity items related to the other six computer classrooms. The contractor is also required to provide sufficient computers and printers, either networked or stand alone at the contractor's discretion, for the other six computer classes.

5. Is there adequate stable power to support additional power requirements for the building?

Response: Yes, there is adequate stable power for the building. At this time, we don't know of any additional power requirements.

6. Is there a main power disconnect for the building?

Response: Yes, outside on the electrical pole. Each floor has a separate breaker panel that addresses power issues.

7. Is there individual power panels (circuit breakers) located on each floor?

Response: Yes.

8. Is there individual circuit breaker associated with each power receptacle?

Response: Basement and first floor only for right now. Renovation work will continue to the third floor.

9. Is each power receptacle label to identify associated power panel and circuit breaker?

Response: No, it is not marked at the receptacle.

10. Is there an Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), generator for the building, capable of supplying at least thirty minutes of backup power?

Response: No.

11. Is there individual power receptacles located on each floor connect to the UPS?

Response: See answer 10 above.

12. Is the building's electrical system capable of supporting 208V or higher of electrical power if required?

Response: Yes.

13. Is the locking mechanism for access open by; key, touch pad, or cipher lock?

Response: The building and all classrooms can be accessed with a key.

14. Is the building capable of supporting fiber connections between the telecommunication room and each floor designated networking equipment room IAW TIA/EIA standards?

Response: There is only one communications room supporting all of the Educational Facilities in Building 2-1728. All of the drops (CAT-5e) are installed per 568 standards. There are 12 strands of Single Mode fiber from Room 200 to the main comm room on the 1st floor.

15. Is the networking equipment rack located in the 2nd Floor Server Room IAW TIA\EIA standards?

Response: The racks installed in room 200 are standard 19" equipment racks. There is no specification for racks within EIA/TIA guidance.

16. Is the networking cable used IAW TIA\EIA 568A or 568B standards?

Response: The cabling is installed to 568A format.

17. Is there adequate cable labeling IAW TIA\EIA standards to facilitate maintenance troubleshooting?

Response: The ITBC has installed and will maintain all of the horizontal wiring for this building. We have wired this facility by providing a rack for each floor of the building and a separate patch panel for each classroom. All drops are clearly marked and this format should provide more than adequate expansion capability.

18. Is there any local regulation preventing the use of Wireless technology?

Response: The use of wireless technology for any networking components that touch the installation or Army network (FBMAN or NIPRNET) is forbidden because of security issues.

19. Does BSEP/CYBIS software need to be isolated on its own server?

Response: Yes, the BSEP/CYBIS software is on the server maintained by the government.

20. The contractor must provide computer equipment for all classes, except BSEP?

Response: Yes, the contractor must supply all computers, connectivity, servers, hubs, routers, T-1 lines, printers, etc. for the other 6 computer labs. Contractor is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the computers, printers and servers that they provide.

21. Does the Facilitator Training Course require computer equipment?

Response: No, it does not require computer equipment.

22. The ESO stated that the contractor would have to provide a T1 line for classrooms other than BSEP, is there a requirement for Internet connectivity for these classes?

Response: Yes, there is a requirement for internet connectivity for current and future needs.

23. Have any deductions been taken by the government for any reason from the incumbent contractor during the term of the base period and any option years.

Response: No deductions have been taken from the current contractor.

24. Does a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the incumbent contractor and the work force for the current contract exist as recognized by Sections 2(a) and 4(c) of the Service Contract Act of 1965, as amended?

Response: No.

25. There are 10 classes listed as part of the Leader Skill Enhancement course. The RFP states "all of the classes under this CLIN are 60 hours in length". Does this mean the 10 classes total 60 hours, or each individual class is 60 hours?

Response: Each individual class is 60 hours in length.

26. The existing Leader Skill Enhancement Course schedule showing on Fort Bragg's website shows all courses from the RFP with the exception of the Facilitator Training Course. Fayetteville Tech is including this course as part of the LSEC courses rather than a stand-alone course. The RFP has it as a stand-alone course for 32 hours. Will the Facilitator Training Course be 32 hours or 60 hours?

Response: The Facilitator Training Course is a 32 hour program.

27. Accreditation- Is accreditation at the college level required? Do any of the courses requested at the Leader Skills Enhancement Course (LSEC) level require award of college credit? If so, which ones? AR621-5, 5-3(f) states that on-duty leader skill enhancement courses will be acquired in accordance with FAR and AFAR. Accreditation by secondary/post-secondary agencies will not be required.

Response: AR 621-5, para 2-7 a(b) also states secondary school accreditation may be required for other nondegree bearing programs. Accreditation is an asset that helps to ensure quality level programs for the military. This program requires the accreditation as specified in the SOW.

28. Resumes- On page 24, b. Resources, (2), a list of proposed staffing is required as a component of the Technical Proposal. In the Statement of Work, page 60, 1.3.1.2 requires a roster of personnel expected to perform services under this contract to the COR within 10 workdays prior to commencing work. Which is correct?

Response: Both are correct. The Government would use the roster provided by the contractor to meet contract requirements and to insure administration of this contract.

29. Wage Determination-Is the wage determination category of instructor applicable to all LSEC instructors and the instructors for the Basic Skills Education/CYBER-Based Instructional Systems (BSEP/CYBIS)? If not, what would be the justification for not applying the wage determination to the instructors required on this procurement?

Response: Yes.

30. POIs-Page 64, 1.12.1 states that POIs developed by the contractor become the property of the government. Which POIs are currently available for the requested course list?

Response: POIs will be available before the start of the contract.

31. Are these courses considered work force improvement skills in North Carolina?

Response: Government cannot respond to this question.

32. What is the date of the award? Current contract has been extended to 31 Mar 2004.

Response: Contract will be awarded as soon as possible.

33. With 16 days from the proposal due date to the implementation date there may be only enough time for the incumbent vendor to be in place to start classes. Can the start date be moved back to at least 30 days from the award date to allow all bidders an equal opportunity?

Response: The start date has changed to 01 Apr 2004. The Government will make every attempt to the give the maximum amount of time before the start date.

34. Section 5.1.2 requires the contractor to do course development work on an as required basis to meet the changing needs of the Ft. Bragg military population. Since it is not possible to know ahead of time the cost associated with changing needs, will these costs be negotiated at the time of the course development?

Response: Currently, there are available Industry Standards and Army software for use in developing courses for the “changing needs” of Fort Bragg. If there is not an Army model available, the Government may consider negotiating additional costs.

35. Will there be a scheduled date for the site visit or will we schedule our own visit?

Response: Site visit was held on January 8, 2004.

36. Ref SOW 1.4.1: Can the contractor, a properly accredited institution that will provide certified instructors for the LSEC and BSEP courses, subcontract a non-accredited company to perform administrative functions and provide qualified instructors for the ULLS, Training Facilitator, and SATS courses?

Response: No, the contractor should be accredited as stated in the SOW.

37. Ref SOW 5.1.1: What is the size of the printing and distribution effort?

Response: The contractor is responsible for properly marketing the programs to ensure prospective students are aware of program offerings. As a minimum, the contractor shall provide 10,000 copies, 5 times per year of a brochure describing course offerings. Also 500 copies of SATS, ULS-S4, ULS-G, and Maintenance Management course schedules are distributed to units and special mailings to activated reserve units and the remainder are distributed at the Education Academic Learning Centers.

38. Ref SOW 5.1.2: Does the government intend for the contractor to design and develop courses other than those listed under CLIN 0001AA – 0005AG and as specified throughout the RFP and PWS?

Response: See answer to Question 34 above.

39. Ref Technical Exhibit 5: Does the course information in TE5 starting with the 2nd paragraph and ending with the 10th paragraph pertain to LSEC? Insofar as the information starting with the 2nd and ending with the 10th paragraph, are these each single classes to be taught as part of the LSEC and BSEP POI or just the LSEC POI?

Response: Yes. The government intends for the contractor to teach the computer classes as stand-alone courses and each class is to be taught as part of the LSEC program.

40. Does the government intend for the contractor to teach the computer classes as stand-alone courses in addition to teaching these classes as part of either the LSEC course or LSEC and BSEP courses?

Response: The government intends for the contractor to teach only classes as identified in the scope of work or additional classes as needs are identified.

41. Ref SOW 5.1.1 and TE 9: Does government furnished equipment include a copier or will the contractor provide a copier sufficient in size to handle the estimated reproduction workload?

Response: A copier is provided by the government for use by the administration of the BSEP program ONLY. The contractor is required to furnish a copier and/or Duplication services for all marketing material for programs and for administrative or classroom reproduction of documents for the LSEC program.

42. Ref SOW 5.1.2: Could the government further define “special group programs of instruction?”

Response: Special group programs of instruction would be courses such as the ULS-

S4, ULS-G, and SATS courses. Not all soldiers would require these courses while almost all soldiers would benefit from the leader skills enhancement courses (i.e., effective writing, supervision and management, Word, etc.)

43. Ref TE 8: Does the Government Furnished Facilities include classroom facilities for the ULLS, Training Facilitator, and SATS courses?

Response: Classrooms are provided and equipped with student desks, instructor desks and chairs.

44. Does the RFP seek a continuation of services currently provided by Educational Services for Soldier Development Program Contract DAKF40-00-D-0011 or do the requirements of the RFP increase either the number of educational and management services to be provided or the scope of the existing educational services provided under current contract or both?

Response: The current solicitation contains the same services/courses provided on the current contract.

45. Can the government provide technical exhibits consisting of existing course curricula, programs of instruction, and current schedules?

Response: Program of Instructions (POIs) are attached in this amendment.

46. Is there a site visit scheduled?

Response: Site visit was held on 8 January 2004.

47. Can the government provide an estimate on the number and type of computer equipment they expect the contractor to provide?

Response: The government provides 29 computers for the BSEP classrooms. The government also provides a T-1 line, server, switches, routers, hubs, and all connectivity requirements for this lab. The government also provides computer repair, server maintenance and all upgrades required for the BSEP program. The government also provides adequate printers. The contractor provides a total of 126 computers for the classrooms. The contractor must also provide adequate computers/technology equipment to meet the administrative needs of their staff. The contractor is also required to provide a T1 line, server, hubs, switches, routers and any other networking requirements to support all of the computer requirements with the exception of BSEP. Contractor must provide individual printers at each workstation in the ULS-G, ULS-S4, and Maintenance Management classrooms because they work on an old DOS program and they will not print to a network printer.

48. Will the government provide IMO support for internal network?

Response: The government will not provide IMO support for the contractor's network. The government will maintain all connectivity, servers, equipment for the BSEP program only. The contractor is responsible for maintaining all contractor owned equipment and networks.

49. Page 2, Item 0001 shows an area for Unit, Unit Price, Amount and Net Amount. Is there something associated with this line item that should be bid on?

Response: No, CLINS 0001, 0002, 0003, 0004, and 0005 are only information CLINs. Please insert a price for all others.